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I Jacky HELLE as manager of Saint-Germain & Straub SA, hereby declare that

- During year 1997 Mr Calça and I invented a Device And Method For Mounting A Saddle Hub On A Pipe And Corresponding Tap, this invention corresponds to PCT application number PCT/FR98/02776 and French priority.
- Mr Calça was employee by Saint-Germain & Straub SA until July 31, 1999.
- The June 3, 1999, Mr Calça assigned his part of the application to his employer the corporation Saint-Germain & Straub SA, thus during the international phase of the PCT application.
- July 31, 1999, Mr Calça left Saint-Germain & Straub SA and since this date, he doesn't signed any document concerning Saint-Germain & Straub SA.

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